GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BLACKMARKETING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
P.R. KHUTE;PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to discontinuing of supply of essential commodities to above Poverty Line families the blackmarketing of essential commodities has increased; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures initiated/proposed to be initiated by the Union Government to check the blackmarketing to essential goods?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): No Sir. Allocation of foodgrains has not been discontinued for families above poverty line (APL).The allocation for Above Poverty Line families is being made as transitory allocation and as per the criteria fixed at the time of introduction of Trageted Public Distribution System. However, with regard to levy sugar, the allocation under Public Distribution System (PDS) has been restricted to only Below Poverty Line (BPL) families except in the case of the North East Region, Islands and hill States with effect from 1.2.2001.